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WAR AGAINST SHEEP

MEN WITH BLACKENED FACES KILL A BAND OF ONE THOUSAND SHEEP.

Herder Is Overpowered, Bound and Blindfolded—Lone Witness Closely Hid—Desperadoes Shoot for Two Hours Other News.

Antelope, Or., Aug. 23.—Mob law reigns supreme on the ranges of Central Oregon, and as an added evidence to the Silver Lake Slaughters of last spring, over 1000 thoroughbred sheep belong to Morrow & Keenan, of Willow Creek, Crook county, were killed last Friday evening at Little Summit Prairie, 40 miles east of Prineville. This fact was announced last evening by telephone message from young Keenan, a son of one of the owners of the massacred sheep, who has been acting as camp tender for the four bands owned by his company and grazed in the Little Summit region.

Young Keenan states that while the herder was alone and occupied with the care of his flock during the late afternoon, he was accosted by three unmasked horsemen, who departed after a short conversation. Almost immediately following their disappearance a band of about 20 horsemen, with faces blackened, emerged from the timber unobserved until they had approached within a short distance of him, when a command to throw up his hands was given and complied with, after which he was bound hand and foot and blindfolded by means of a grain sack being tied over his head.

Leaving him near a tree, and behind it for protection from the bullets, a general fusillade with Winchester was commenced by the mob, which lasted nearly two hours, or until sundown, by which time the entire band had either been killed or scattered in every direction.

Young Keenan had heard the firing in the meantime, and crawled through the underbrush to a safe distance, from where he was an eye-witness to the work of the mob. He made no attempt at retaliation, although it is understood that both he and his herder were armed with the latest automatic rapid-firing Colt's pistols. No clue has been obtained of the guilty parties, and owing to existing conditions in that section, apprehension and conviction is considered almost an impossibility.

Morrow & Keenan, who suffered the loss, which will amount to several thousand dollars, and representative sheepmen of Crook county, owning about 12,000 head of sheep, which, up to the present time they have always ranged without trouble. Their headquarters are on Willow Creek, 15 miles north of Prineville, and comprises several thousand acres of deeded land.

The shooting follows an attempt at a compromise between the two stock factions which was made about two months ago and which with the sanction of the representative cattle and sheepmen, and the laughter of last Friday is regarded as the work of irresponsible parties who had no other purpose in view than the wanton destruction of property.

Much surprise has been evinced on all sides that the slaughter should occur among what has been termed "home sheep," as it has generally been supposed that whatever feeling may have existed was directed at the outside sheep, and principally those owned by the members of the Antelope Wool Growers Association, whose efforts to establish a foothold in Crook county met with the agreement mentioned. This agreement was followed by the sending of an anonymous letter to the secretary of the association, in which not only the members' stock was threatened, but their lives also in case they ventured to presume upon any agreement granting range privileges, and it was made plain that the public range of Crook county would be conserved for individual use at any cost.

Further trouble is expected daily, and anonymous letters are evidence of the constantly increasing friction. It is learned from a reliable source that a number of cattlemen residing in the zone of contention received last week unsigned letters in which was enclosed a suggestive bunch of matches. The wording

in each case was brief and stated "that a word to the wise was sufficient, etc." In each case the receipt of the letter was speedily followed by the cattlemen insuring his hay, which is now for the most part in the stack, and offers a very easy method of revenge.

The fact that last season witnessed incendiary work as a result of the range troubles, together with the bad conditions that would result from such acts, has caused a great deal of apprehension, for in the comparatively rigid winters of Central Oregon, a stockman who had suffered the loss of his hay would be in an equally bad position with the sheepman who sees his herd melt away before the withering fire of a masked mob.

Tokio, Aug. 25, 9 a. m.—Two Russian Torpedo-boat destroyers struck mines at the entrance of Port Arthur last evening. The larger one of the destroyers, a four-funnelled one, was sunk. The names of the vessels and the number of lives lost are unknown.

The final assault on Port Arthur is imminent. Hundreds of Japanese guns continue to pour a destructive fire into the city and harbor, along the lines of forts and entrenchments, preparatory for the infantry assault. It is evident that the Russian lines have been weakened, and partly penetrated in the vicinity of Antezshan and Etesshan forts. The entire line of Russian defenses immediately about the harbor are within range of the Japanese guns.

A number of Russian forts and batteries continue to be vigorous. The Japanese death roll will be heavily increased before they are captured. The direction of the Japanese attack creates the impression here that the city and defenses on either side of the harbor entrance will fall first.

The final stand will be made at Liaotieshan. Japanese official channels of information remain closed, and the navy department announcement of the striking of a mine by the battleship Sevastopol and the firing upon the Russian forts by the cruisers Nisshin and Kasaga yesterday are the only disclosures made for several days.

It is believed here that both sides have suffered heavy losses, and that the final record will make the siege the bloodiest since Sedan. The Japanese are supremely confident of the ultimate result. The leaders of the government await the outcome in calm assurance. The people are everywhere decorating streets and houses and erecting arches and flag-staffs in preparation for a national celebration of the expected victory.

A SEPTEMBER ATTRACTION.

Monday, Sept. 12—Opening day. In the evening addresses will be made by prominent men of the state on up-to-date topics.

Tuesday, Sept. 13—Woodmen of the World day. This entire day will be devoted to the Woodmen and their sister order the Ladies of Woodcraft in their drills and sports. It is expected that at least a dozen drill teams will be present in uniform to contest for the \$600 in prize.

Wednesday, Sept. 14—Salem day. This will be a great day for Salem. Business is practically suspended and everybody goes to the Fair. This will also be the day for the Greater Salem Stake, a \$2,000 purse for 2:15 pacers in which there are 31 entries.

Thursday, Sept. 15—Portland day. Usually the biggest day of the Fair as the S. P. R. runs an excursion from Portland, and \$1.50 cents pays a round trip and admission to everything on the Fair grounds that the board has anything to do with. On this day will come off the Lewis and Clark Stake for \$2,000 purse for 2:17 trotters.

Friday, Sept. 16—Children's day. When all the children in Marion county, including the Indian Training School at Chemawa, the Reform School and school children, will be admitted free.

Saturday, Sept. 17—Closing day. The Rural Spirit Stake \$1,000 for 2:11 trotters; also the consolation race in Lewis and Clark Stake will be run off. Premiums will be paid and in the evening a good program will be on in the pavilion.

McElroy's band of Salem, has been engaged and good music is assured.

The evening entertainment during the week will be the best money can purchase and a good time is guaranteed all who may attend.

THE EASTERN WAR

REFUGEES AT CHEFOO SAY PORT ARTHUR FORTRESS HAS ALL BUT FALLEN.

One of Most Important of Port Arthur's Defenses Captured—Located in Center of Inner Chain of Fortresses. Liao Yang About to Fall—Other News.

London, Aug. 23.—The evening News this afternoon published a dispatch from Chefoo, under today's date, announcing that the Japanese captured "Chair Fort," of the Port Arthur defenses, yesterday after a tremendous attack.

London, Aug. 23.—The Evening News' dispatch from Chefoo is simply a repetition of the announcement of the capture of Itzshan or Etesshan known as "Chair Fort."

Etesshan Fort, according to the available maps of Port Arthur, is almost in the center of the chain of forts, of which it forms one defending Port Arthur, from which it is only a mile and a half distant. It occupies a commanding position, and possibly is only second in importance to the Golden Hill Fort. It was announced from Chefoo Monday that the Japanese had swept the Russians from Pigeon Bay and had captured the northernmost fort of the Western line of inner defenses, though Antezshan Fort, about a mile northeast of Etesshan Fort, might also be classed as the northernmost fort of the western line of inner defenses at Port Arthur.

A junk heard firing until midnight of August 22. Scarcely a building in Port Arthur remains undamaged. The town hall, which was used as a magazine, has been destroyed.

Four large warships, unable to fight, are at Port Arthur. Only one ship, a vessel with two masts and two funnels, has guns on board.

Chefoo, Aug. 23.—According to advices brought here from Port Arthur by a junk, the Japanese were hotly pressing the Russian center along the railway and the Russian right in the vicinity of Golden Hill. These advices are brought by Chinese who departed from Taipangtee, which is one mile from the city near Golden Hill, between the city and the forts of the Russian right wing. The Chinese declare that the Japanese occupied Taipangtee and penetrated along the railway to General Stoessel's residence on August 21, which was shattered by shells, which were thrown from a position obtained by the Japanese between Golden Hill and the town Sunday.

As this report would indicate that Port Arthur had all but fallen, the Japanese expert attached to the local consulate received the information with great reserve. The information is accepted, however, as a confirmation of previous reports that the Russians have been driven from Itzshan, and that the Japanese are very close to the southern forts and the eastern defenses. The local Japanese, under the leadership of their consul, are subscribing money and preparing to celebrate the expected fall of the fortress.

The Chinese who arrived today further report that a Russian warship was hit by a shell recently and

sunk in the harbor.

So confident are the Japanese sympathizers at Chefoo that the days of Port Arthur are numbered that plans are under way for the celebration of its downfall. Huge stands with gorgeous decorations are being erected and lantern staffs arranged along many thoroughfares.

But little interest seems to be taken in the Shanghai neutrality affair, other than that shown by the newspaper correspondents and consuls. The people in general apparently regard China's neutrality as a matter of but small moment and would undoubtedly accept a call to war as a holiday. Confidence in Japanese prowess is maintained and predictions are made that with the downfall of Port Arthur peace will follow.

Tien Tsin, Aug. 23.—Lloyd's agent at Niu Chwang reports as follows:

"The Russians are detaining produce from the interior. Liao Yang is expected to fall shortly. Niu Chwang and the country under Japanese jurisdiction are progressing wonderfully. The consuls get every assistance from the administration.

Boston, Aug. 23.—The American board has received from Rev. Sidney L. Gulick, of Matsuyama, Japan, a report of missionary work which states that more than 1200 Russian prisoners have been brought to that city. The prisoners are quartered in several large temples, are lightly guarded and are given unusual liberty for prisoners. Some, at least, are permitted to walk around town with a small guard, and even go for baths in the sea and to the mineral hot springs, a mile east of Matsuyama.

Special buildings have been erected on the drillground north of the city for use as a hospital, where some five hundred wounded have been or are being treated with best care the country can provide. Out of the total number treated only five have died, the case of one is considered hopeless, but of the wounded thus far reaching Matsuyama, 99 per cent. have been successfully treated.

Many cases have been terrible. The chief surgeon apparently takes great pride in the showing. He attributes it to the special character of the Japanese rifle, the general adoption of which he has urged five or six years on the score of the humane nature of the wounds it inflicts, disabling and not killing. He feels his prediction has been wonderfully verified.

Five prisoners who escaped were captured after a sharp resistance with knives. To escape from the island is practically impossible.

Tokio, Aug. 24.—Further details of the disabling of the Russian battleship Sevastopol have been received here. The Japanese battleship Ashai was detailed to watch the Sevastopol. Her commander reports that the Russian ship emerged from Port Arthur Tuesday morning, and co-operated with certain Russian batteries in bombarding the Japanese forces on shore. This firing had been kept up for several hours when the Sevastopol suddenly struck a submerged mine.

The explosion caused her to list heavily to starboard, and at the same time she lurched forward, almost burying her bow under water. She was towed back into Port Arthur by a tug. She had previously been injured while firing on the Japanese land positions from the outer roadsteads.

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